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Letter dated 17 December 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the communiqué issued yesterday by the Government of Mexico concerning the situation in Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 54, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Manuel TELLO
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ANNEX

Press release issued on 16 December 1998 by the Government of Mexico

With regard to the attack that took place in Iraq today, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to state the following:

The Government of Mexico has followed closely and with deep concern the events that have developed following the submission to the Security Council today of reports on Iraq's cooperation with the United Nations authorities responsible for monitoring compliance with Security Council resolutions.

On the basis of its foreign policy principles as set out in article 89, section X, of the Constitution, the Government of Mexico regrets that it was not possible to reach a solution through the diplomatic channel and that recourse was had to the use of force, to the detriment of a lasting political solution.

The Government of Mexico reaffirms its conviction that in order to reach a definitive solution to this dispute in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, it is imperative that the procedures provided for in international law be followed and that the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, which Mexico fully supports, be implemented in their entirety.